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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 31

**Introduced by Assembly Member Parra
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member McCarthy)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aghazarian, Arambula, Cogdill,
Matthews, and Villines)**

December 6, 2004

~~An act to add Chapter 12.9 (commencing with Section 7095) to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.~~ *An act relating to economic development.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 31, as amended, Parra. Interagency Task Force for the Economic Development of the ~~Central~~ San Joaquin Valley.

Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, including any federal department, state or local agency to enter into an agreement for the purpose of exercising any power common to the contracting parties for specified purposes, including, among other things, acquiring or constructing specified public facilities and improvements.

This bill would *declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create the Interagency Task Force for the Economic Development of the Central San Joaquin Valley*, composed of the heads of specified state agencies and departments, to coordinate and improve existing state and federal efforts for the valley, in concert with locally led efforts, in order to increase the living standards and the overall economic performance of the valley.

The bill would *further state the Legislature's intent* to require the task force to request that the ~~7~~ 8 economic development coordinators of the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, *San Joaquin*, Stanislaus, and Tulare serve as a subcommittee of the task force and make a specified report to the task force and the Legislature no later than June 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) (1) *It is the intent of the Legislature to*
2 *enact legislation to create the Interagency Task Force for the*
3 *Economic Development of the San Joaquin Valley in state*
4 *government to consist of all of the following:*

5 (A) *The Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing,*
6 *who shall serve as chairperson.*

7 (B) *The Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development.*

8 (C) *The Secretary for Environmental Protection.*

9 (D) *The Secretary of Food and Agriculture.*

10 (E) *The Secretary of State and Consumer Services.*

11 (F) *The Secretary for Education.*

12 (G) *The Secretary of the Resources Agency.*

13 (H) *The Secretary of California Health and Human Services.*

14 (I) *The Director of Transportation.*

15 (2) *Representatives shall be appointed by their respective*
16 *boards, commissions, or authorities.*

17 (b) *The purpose of the task force shall be to coordinate and*
18 *improve existing state and federal efforts for the San Joaquin*
19 *Valley, in concert with locally led efforts, in order to increase the*
20 *living standards and the overall economic performance of the*
21 *valley. Economic development efforts shall include consideration*
22 *of the preservation or enhancement of the natural environment*
23 *and natural resources of the valley.*

24 (c) *Duties of the task force shall include all of the following:*

25 (1) *Analyze programs and policies of task force member*
26 *agencies that relate to the valley to determine what changes,*
27 *modifications, and innovations should be considered, if any.*

28 (2) *Consider statistical and data analysis, research, and policy*
29 *studies related to the valley.*

1 (3) *Develop, recommend, and implement short-term and*
2 *long-term options for promoting sustainable economic*
3 *development.*

4 (4) *Consult and coordinate activities with federal, state, tribal,*
5 *and local governments, community leaders, Members of*
6 *Congress, the private sector, and other interested parties, paying*
7 *particular attention to maintaining existing authorities of the*
8 *state, the tribes, and local governments, and preserving their*
9 *existing working relationships with other agencies,*
10 *organizations, or individuals.*

11 (5) *Coordinate and collaborate on research and*
12 *demonstration priorities of task force member agencies related to*
13 *the valley.*

14 (6) *Integrate state and federal initiatives and programs into*
15 *the design of sustainable economic development actions for the*
16 *valley.*

17 (7) *Focus initial efforts on pilot communities for implementing*
18 *a coordinated and expedited state and federal response to local*
19 *economic development and other needs.*

20 (d) *It is further the intent of the Legislature that the task force*
21 *request that the eight locally designated economic development*
22 *coordinators of the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera,*
23 *Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare serve as a*
24 *subcommittee of the task force and submit a report to the task*
25 *force and the Legislature on or before June 1, 2006, to do all of*
26 *the following:*

27 (1) *Provide background information on the current economic*
28 *status of each county.*

29 (2) *Outline the economic needs of each county, including, but*
30 *not limited to, indicators such as unemployment rate growth and*
31 *per capita income.*

32 (3) *Prioritize the needs of the region as a whole.*

33 (4) *Provide options and recommendations for the economic*
34 *development of each county, and the region as a whole.*

35 ~~SECTION 1. Chapter 12.9 (commencing with Section 7095)~~
36 ~~is added to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to~~
37 ~~read:~~

1 ~~CHAPTER 12.9. TASK FORCE FOR THE ECONOMIC~~
2 ~~DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY~~

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4 ~~7095. (a) (1) The Interagency Task Force for the Economic~~
5 ~~Development of the Central San Joaquin Valley is hereby created~~
6 ~~in state government. The task force shall consist of all of the~~
7 ~~following:~~

8 ~~(A) The Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing,~~
9 ~~who shall serve as chairperson.~~

10 ~~(B) The Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development.~~

11 ~~(C) The Secretary for Environmental Protection.~~

12 ~~(D) The Secretary of Food and Agriculture.~~

13 ~~(E) The Secretary of State and Consumer Services.~~

14 ~~(F) The Secretary for Education.~~

15 ~~(G) The Secretary of the Resources Agency.~~

16 ~~(H) The Secretary of California Health and Human Services.~~

17 ~~(I) The Director of Transportation.~~

18 ~~(2) Representatives shall be appointed by their respective~~
19 ~~boards, commissions, or authorities.~~

20 ~~(b) The purpose of the task force is to coordinate and improve~~
21 ~~existing state and federal efforts for the San Joaquin Valley, in~~
22 ~~concert with locally led efforts, in order to increase the living~~
23 ~~standards and the overall economic performance of the valley.~~
24 ~~Economic development efforts shall include consideration of the~~
25 ~~preservation or enhancement of the natural environment and~~
26 ~~natural resources of the valley.~~

27 ~~(c) Duties of the task force shall include all of the following:~~

28 ~~(1) Analyze programs and policies of task force member~~
29 ~~agencies that relate to the valley to determine what changes,~~
30 ~~modifications, and innovations should be considered, if any.~~

31 ~~(2) Consider statistical and data analysis, research, and policy~~
32 ~~studies related to the valley.~~

33 ~~(3) Develop, recommend, and implement short-term and~~
34 ~~long-term options for promoting sustainable economic~~
35 ~~development.~~

36 ~~(4) Consult and coordinate activities with federal, state, tribal,~~
37 ~~and local governments, community leaders, Members of~~
38 ~~Congress, the private sector, and other interested parties, paying~~
39 ~~particular attention to maintaining existing authorities of the~~
40 ~~state, the tribes, and local governments, and preserving their~~

1 existing working relationships with other agencies, organizations,
2 or individuals.

3 ~~(5) Coordinate and collaborate on research and demonstration~~
4 ~~priorities of task force member agencies related to the valley.~~

5 ~~(6) Integrate state and federal initiatives and programs into the~~
6 ~~design of sustainable economic development actions for the~~
7 ~~valley.~~

8 ~~(7) Focus initial efforts on pilot communities for implementing~~
9 ~~a coordinated and expedited state and federal response to local~~
10 ~~economic development and other needs.~~

11 ~~(d) The task force shall request that the seven locally~~
12 ~~designated economic development coordinators of the Counties~~
13 ~~of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare~~
14 ~~serve as a subcommittee of the task force and submit a report to~~
15 ~~the task force and the Legislature on or before June 1, 2006, to do~~
16 ~~all of the following:~~

17 ~~(1) Provide background information on the current economic~~
18 ~~status of each county.~~

19 ~~(2) Outline the economic needs of each county, including, but~~
20 ~~not limited to, indicators such as unemployment rate growth and~~
21 ~~per capita income.~~

22 ~~(3) Prioritize the needs of the region as a whole.~~

23 ~~(4) Provide options and recommendations for the economic~~
24 ~~development of each county, and the region as a whole.~~